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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

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When the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary called on the Prime Minister this morning he explained that he expected to have to leave the Commonwealth Conference early because of the meeting of the Special Council of EC Ministers on 28/29 November.

The Prime Minister said that she thought it was a little unfortunate that a Special Council had been arranged during the period covering the Commonwealth Conference but accepted that this was probably inevitable, in view of the timing of the next European Council. She noted that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary would have to leave New Delhi before the end of the Conference. She did not think it necessary for another FCO Minister to make the journey to Delhi for what remained of the Conference, particularly given the fact that Sir Antony Acland will be present throughout.

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